

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 42, line 14 as follows:

-- As the electron providing dye precursor, known precursors, which are used in a conventional thermal recording paper, can be used. Examples of the electron providing dye precursor include a ~~triarylmethane~~ triarylmethane compound such as crystal violet lactone, a diphenylmethane compound such as leuco auramine, a ~~spiroiran~~ spiropyran compound, a fluoran compound, a rhodamine lactam compound, and a carbazolylmethane compound. Further, compounds represented by formula (1) disclosed in Japanese Patent O.P.I. Publication No. 6-210947 can be used as the electron providing dye precursor.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 43, line 22 as follows:

-- As the electron accepting developing agent, known developing agents, which are used in a conventional thermal recording paper and disclosed in Japanese Patent O.P.I. Publication Nos. 6-99663, 7-52551, and 8-258420, are preferably used. For example, ~~include~~ acidic compounds such

as a phenol compound, a thiophenol compound, a thiourea derivative, an organic acid or its metal salt, and oxyesters are preferably used. Examples thereof include bisphenols ~~see~~ such as 2,2-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)propane (called bisphenol A), 2,2-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)pentane, 2,2-bis(4'-hydroxy-3',5'-dichlorophenyl)propane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexane, 2,2-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)hexane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)butane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)pentane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)hexane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)heptane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)octane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylpentane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-2-ethylhexane, 1,1-bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)dodecane, 1,4-bis(p-hydroxyphenylcumyl)benzene, 1,3-bis(p-hydroxyphenylcumyl)benzene, bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)sulfone, bis(3-allyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfone, and bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)acetic acid benzyl ester; salicylic acid derivatives such as 3,5-di- α -methylbenzylsalicylic acid, 3,5-di-t-butylsalicylic acid, 3- α , α -dimethylbenzylsalicylic acid, 4-(β -p-dimethoxyphenoxyethoxy)salicylic acid and their polyvalent metal (particularly, zinc, aluminum is preferred) salts; oxybenzoic acid esters such as p-

hydroxybenzoic acid benzyl ester, p-hydroxybenzoic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester, and β -resorcylic acid-(2-phenoxyethyl) ester; and phenols such as p-phenylphenol, 3,5-diphenylphenol, cumylphenol, 4-hydroxy-4'-isopropoxy-diphenyl sulfone, and 4-hydroxy-4'-phenoxy-diphenyl sulfone, but are not limited thereto. --